

Flathead County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2009 – **7:00 pm**  
Solid Waste District Board Room – County Landfill

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Charles Lapp – Chairman, Karl Schrade, David Hilde

Committee Members Absent: Mike Schlegel

Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Operations Manager Guy Foy, Administrative Assistant Mike Pence, Recording Secretaries Karen Rogers & Patti Vernarsky

Public Attendees: Mark Gluth

2. Introductory Remarks

Dave Prunty stated that Dan Siderius is no longer on the committee, and a replacement is being sought.

3. Approval of the Board Minutes

**David Hilde moves to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2008 meeting, Karl Schrade seconds the motion. All in favor; motion passed, minutes approved.**

4. Action Agenda

a. Nomination of Chairman & Vice Chairman

**Dave Hilde nominated Charles Lapp to continue to be chairman of the Road Advisory Committee. Karl Schrade seconded. All in favor; motion passed, chairman nomination approved.**

**Karl Schrade nominated Mike Schlegel to continue to be vice-chairman of the Road Advisory Committee. Dave Hilde seconded. All in favor; motion passed, vice-chairman nomination approved.**

5. Directors Report

a. December's Operation Report

Guy Foy explained to the committee about the calls the staff in the office receiving complaining because they are not getting one day service that happened in previous years. He went on to explain that in the last few weeks, Christmas was the only day off for the road crew, using a chunk out of the \$120,000 budgeted for the entire fiscal year. He felt that if this winter keeps going as it is now, then services may have to be reduced elsewhere.

b. Road Maintenance Plan with Ryan from Peccia & Associates

Ryan explained the various portions of the road maintenance plan. He explained the purpose of the plan. The various roadway conditions and ranking, explaining drainage improvements, gravel & paved road treatments. He explained to the committee that drainage and ditching is the biggest problem for roads. He said if there isn't any ditches or drainage the road beds deteriorate faster shortening the life of the surface.

He continued explaining the treatment costs and material testing, especially for gravel roads. He feels mag chloride is best with proper gravel material. He agreed that the black oil will last longer, but when the potholes appear and the black oil is graded up, it doesn't break down like the mag chloride. He stated there are pros and cons to both materials

Karl Schrade felt that if the county road does not have the proper material for the mag chloride in this dust cost share program, and the county is requiring black oil be used, then the county should have to pay the difference in cost and not the taxpayer.

Ryan added in expense spreadsheets that can be utilized by the county to figure what the various costs would be for different types of treatments; i.e. major improvements to simply sealing the road for both paved and gravel roads.

Included in the management plan book are the roadway condition survey and ranking results, the PASER drainage manual, the PASER Manual for Gravel Roads, the PASER Manual for Asphalt Roads, the treatment costs spreadsheets, and the gravel materials test results from four different pits.

c. Commissioners Respons to RAC Recommendations

Continued to next meeting.

6. Comments from Committee Members

Dave Prunty explained he would like to see the committee meetings be scheduled for once a month instead of twice. Charles Lapp agreed, stating that the majority of the work with the meetings has been done. Dave asked if the second Thursday of every month would still work for everyone. He will ask Jonathan Smith if the

by-laws need to be changed. Charles stated that special meetings will still be called if necessary.

Mike Pence stated that Dale Lauman questioned about the rescue plan stimulus and possibly acquiring money for the cities and counties. Dave Prunty stated we needed ready to go projects pulled together. Ryan explained that the 38 miles that are ready to go are not good projects for the stimulus, but would work good for the FEMA package. Ryan stated the stimulus is geared more toward city projects, such as the sewer system.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009.

7. Comments from Public (15 Minutes Maximum)

Mark Gluth was glad to hear all the comments from the committee, even though he arrived late for the meeting.

8. Adjournment

**Karl Schrade made the motion to adjourn, Dave Hilde seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.**